United Nations ECE/CES/2018/39

Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General
12 June 2018

English only

## Economic Commission for Europe

Conference of European Statisticians

**Sixty-sixth plenary session**
Geneva, 18–20 June 2018
Item 8 (b) of the provisional agenda
**Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals**

# Understanding the system of custodian agencies for Sustainable Development Indicators

**Note by the Secretariat**

*Summary*

This note gives an initial overview of the custodian agencies for SDG indicators and their governance structure. The information is drawn from current official UN documentation and websites, as referenced. The note illustrates the complexity of coordinating work on producing global statistics for SDG indicators, and the data flows from countries to custodian agencies and, subsequently, to the global SDG database hosted by UNSD, which is then used for the global progress reports on the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

This analysis is intended as a first step to improve understanding of the challenge to coordinate work on producing global statistics for SDG indicators and improve the transparency and efficiency of the production of statistics for SDGs at the global level. The aim of the paper is to inform the work of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) Steering Group on statistics for SDGs that supports the CES members in their work in this area.

The Conference is invited to take note of the present analysis and express views on possible work that could clarify further the complexity in coordinating the production of statistics for SDGs.

GE.18-09617(E)

*1809617*

Please recycle

# I. Introduction

1. The note gives an initial overview of the custodian agencies[1] for SDG indicators and their governance structure. The information is drawn from official UN documentation and websites (as referenced below).

2. The document reflects the best understanding of the UNECE Secretariat at the moment. It will require continuous review as indicators mature and the role of custodian agencies evolves. It is intended to facilitate dialogue and thereby clarify and strengthen relationships among the many actors engaged in global SDG data flows.

3. The note illustrates the complexity of coordinating work on producing global statistics for SDG indicators, and the data flows from countries to custodian agencies and, ultimately, to the global database hosted by UNSD, which are then used for the global progress reports on the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

4. This analysis is intended as a first step to improve understanding of the challenge to improve the transparency and efficiency of the production of global SDG statistics. The aim of the paper is to inform the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) and its Steering Group on statistics for SDGs that supports the CES members in their work in this area.

# II. SDG indicators and custodian agencies

5. The Sustainable Development Goals comprise 17 global goals. Each goal is associated with global targets (169 in total), and each target has been assigned at least one (but often several) global indicators by which progress in achieving the targets and goals will be measured at a global level. Most of the 244[2] global indicators are statistical in nature.

6. To produce global statistics for these indicators usually requires compilation of national statistics and metadata, harmonization of these data, and production of global aggregates. This requires considerable expertise and coordination across all 193 UN member countries. Therefore, possible custodian agencies were identified to each indicator to ensure that robust, global statistics were provided to measure progress in achieving the 2030 Agenda.

7. The complexity of these data flows is apparent from a first look at the number of agencies involved and of indicators. The Secretariat has counted 50 possible custodian agencies.[3,4] (This does not include partner agencies.) For 176 indicators, there is a single

[1] Custodian agencies are entities responsible to collect data from countries under existing mandates and reporting mechanisms, to compile internationally comparable data in the different statistical domains, to support increased adoption and compliance with internationally agreed standards and to strengthen national statistical capacity. Other responsibilities include: communicating with national statistical systems in a transparent manner, including on the validation and adjustments of data when these are necessary; compiling the international data series, calculating global and regional aggregates and providing them to the UN Statistics Division; preparing the storyline for the annual global progress report; and coordinating on indicator development with national statistical systems, other international agencies and stakeholders.
See https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/48th-session/documents/2017-2-IAEG-SDGs-E.pdf.

[2] Includes the 9 indicators that are repeated to measure more than one target.

[3] See UN GA Resolution 71/313 'Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' (https://undocs.org/A/RES/71/313), and the table on Tier classification of global SDG indicators at https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/iaeg-sdgs/tier-classification/

custodian agency. Sixty-trhee global indicators have more than one custodian agency.[5] In addition, there are 5 so called "orphan" indicators for which there is no custodian agency. The UN agencies, custodian agencies and the number of global SDG indicators they are responsible for are presented in Annex 1 to this document. The list of indicators and their custodian agencies are presented in Annex 2.

8. The relationships among these custodian agencies are complex and are not immediately apparent to those not well versed in understanding the functioning of the (very large) UN System. Moreover, although most of the custodian agencies reside in the UN System, over one quarter of them are outside the UN system.

# III. Custodian agencies within the United Nations system

9. The United Nations System covers a wide variety of organizational entities with different institutional and functional structures. The principal organs and subsidiary bodies of the United Nations Secretariat are included under the regular budget of the United Nations approved by the General Assembly. Other agencies of the UN system, however, have their own regular budgets or are financed solely from voluntary contributions. These latter two categories possess a certain degree of autonomy.

10. The organizations within the United Nations system vary considerably both in size and in activities. Throughout this system most components include organizations that are a custodian agency of SDG indicator(s) but many organizations do not have this designation.

11. For the purposes of this analysis, the components of the UN system are broken down into those: i) within the UN Secretariat; ii) specialized agencies, other funds, programmes, and entities (outside of the Secretariat); and iii) related organizations.

## A. Secretariat

12. The Secretariat is one of the six principal organs of the UN. Under the authority of the UN charter, it carries out the day-to-day work of the Organization under the regular budget. The Secretariat is headed by the Secretary-General, who is the chief administrative officer of the United Nations.

13. The Secretariat comprises 37 major organizational units which are broadly organized into departments and offices by topic (e.g., political affairs, legal affairs, public information), with specialized divisions and units within each larger department. There are also regional offices (e.g., UN Office at Geneva, UN Office at Nairobi).[6]

14. Each of these 37 organizational units (listed below) is headed by an official accountable to the Secretary-General. These comprise Departments and Offices (27), Regional Commissions (5), several Funds and Programmes (4), and other entities (1). Of these 37 units, 13 are custodian agencies of SDG indicators. The number of SDG indicators assigned to a unit, if any, is listed in parentheses:

- Executive Office of the Secretary-General;

[4] 36 custodian agencies are within the UN system and 14 outside of the UN system. Of the 36, different components within the same agency are counted as one agency. This includes UN DESA (3 components, counted as 1); UNEP (3, counted as 1); UNESCO (2, counted as 1); and WHO (2, counted as 1).

[5] 49 indicators have 2 custodian agencies; 10 indicators have 3 custodian agencies; and 4 indicators have 5 or more custodian agencies.

[6] http://www.un.org/en/sections/about-un/secretariat/index.html.

- Department for General Assembly and Conference Management;
- Department of Political Affairs;
- Department of Peacekeeping Operations;
- Department of Field Support;
- Department of Public Information;
- Department of Management;
- Department of Economic and Social Affairs (20 SDG indicators);[7]
- Department of Safety and Security;
- Office for Disarmament Affairs (1 SDG indicator);[8]
- Office of Legal Affairs (1 SDG indicator);[9]
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (8 SDG indicators);
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (32 SDG indicators);[10]
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (11 SDG indicators);
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (16 SDG indicators);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) (1 SDG indicator);[11]
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) (1 SDG indicator);
- Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) (2 SDG indicators);12
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (1 SDG indicator);[6]
- Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) (1 SDG indicator);
- Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs;
- United Nations Office at Geneva;
- United Nations Office at Vienna;
- United Nations Office at Nairobi;

[7] This includes Department of Economic and Social Affairs-Financing for Development Office (2), Department of Economic and Social Affairs-Population Division (4) and Department of Economic and Social Affairs-Statistical Division (14).

[8] The Office of Disarmament Affairs is custodian agency for indicator 16.4.2.

[9] The Office of Legal Affairs-Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (UN DOALOS) is custodian agency for indicator 14.c.1.

[10] This includes UN Environmental Programme (27), UN Environmental Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Center (4), and UN Environment Climate Technology Center and Network (1).

[11] All five Regional Commissions have been assigned custodian agency of 13.b.1.

[12] In addition to 13.b.1, UNECE is custodian agency for indicator 6.5.2.

- Office of Internal Oversight Services;
- Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (1 SDG indicator);[13]
- Office of the Special Adviser on Africa;
- Peacebuilding Support Office;
- Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict;
- Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict;
- Ethics Office;
- United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services;
- Office of Administration of Justice;
- United Nations Office for Partnerships;
- United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace;
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

## B. Specialized Agencies

15. There are 15 specialized agencies, which are legally independent international organizations with their own rules, membership, organs and financial resources. These agencies were brought into relationship with the United Nations through negotiated agreements with ECOSOC and subject to approval by the General Assembly under the authority of Articles 57 and 63 of the United Nations Charter. Specialized Agencies are autonomous organizations outside of the UN Secretariat whose work is coordinated thorough ECOSOC at the intergovernmental level, and through the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) at the inter-secretariat level. CEB is the main instrument for supporting and reinforcing the coordinating role of the UN intergovernmental bodies on social, economic, and related matters. It is chaired by the Secretary-General. Thirty-one organizations are members (see Annex 3). CEB carries out its role through the High-Level Committee on Programs and the High-Level Committee on Management.

16. Of these 15 Specialized Agencies, 10 are custodian agencies, as noted below:

- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (20 SDG indicators);
- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) (1 SDG indicator);
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)[14];
- International Labour Organization (ILO) (14 SDG indicators);
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) (4 SDG indicators);
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (5 SDG indicators);

[13] SIDS is custodian agency to 13.b.1.

[14] IFAD is designated as a Partner Agency.

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (20 SDG indicators);[15]
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) (6 SDG indicators);
- World Bank Group (World Bank Group) (23 SDG indicators);
- World Health Organization (WHO) (31 SDG indicators);[16]
- World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) (4 SDG indicators);
- International Maritime Organization (IMO);
- Universal Postal Union (UPU);
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO);
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

## C. Other Funds, Programmes, and related organizations (outside the UN Secretariat)

17. Funds and Programmes apply UN rules and regulations in the realm of administration and personnel. However, they are directly managed by distinct inter-governmental bodies and derive most of their financial resources from other sources than the United Nations budget. Accordingly, they are somewhat more akin to Specialized Agencies than to "subsidiary organs" of the UN, such as UN commissions and committees. Their activities are more operational and implemented at field level.

18. In total, there are 12 Funds and Programs, of which 8 are outside of the UN Secretariat. Four of these 8 Funds and Programs (outside of the Secretariat) are custodian agencies, as noted below:

- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (18 SDG indicators);
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (5 SDG indicators);
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (4 SDG indicators);
- UN Women[17] (6 SDG indicators);
- World Food Programme (WFP);
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);
- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS);[18]
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

19. Six organizations provide research and training. These institutes were established by the General Assembly to perform independent research and training. None of these have been designated as a custodian agency.

- United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR);[19]

[15] This includes indicators assigned to UNESCO IOC (2), and UNSECO UIS (18).
[16] This includes indicators assigned to WHO (30) and WHO-FCTC (1).
[17] UN Women reports to ECOSOC and General Assembly.
[18] UNOPS reports to ECOSOC and General Assembly.

- United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR);
- United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI);
- United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD);
- United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC);
- United Nations University (UNU).

20. Related Organizations are organizations whose cooperation agreement with the United Nations is similar to that of Specialized Agencies in terms of legal and financial autonomy. However, cooperation agreements for Related Organizations are not developed through ECOSOC as is the case for Specialized Agencies under Articles 57 and 63 of the UN Charter, but are approved by the General Assembly. These organizations are coordinated at the inter-secretariat level through the CEB.

21. There are five Related Organizations, of which 2 are custodian agencies for SDGs:

- International Organization for Migration (IOM) (1 SDG indicator);
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);[20]
- Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW);
- Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO);
- World Trade Organization (WTO)[21] (4 SDG indicators).

## D. Other entities

22. There are other UN system organizations and entities that are not members of the Secretariat or coordinated by the CEB at the inter-secretariat level. These entities facilitate coordination among other UN system organizations with common subject areas. They are legally autonomous and receive funding generally through their member organizations. All 7 of these organizations are custodian agencies.

- International Trade Centre (ITC) (4 SDG indicators);
- Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (1 SDG indicator);
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (6 SDG indicators);
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (4 SDG indicators);
- United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) (11 SDG indicators);
- UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) (1 SDG indicator);
- "other UN Ocean Agencies" (1 SDG indicator).

[19] UNIDIR reports only to the General Assembly.

[20] IAEA reports to the Security Council and the General Assembly.

[21] WTO has no reporting obligation to the General Assembly (GA) but contributes on an ad-hoc basis to GA and ECOSOC work inter alia on finance and developmental issues.

### E. Inter-agency coordination mechanisms

23. There are 32 other coordination and inter-agency networks that do not otherwise fall under the hierarchical structure of the UN. These are not members of the CEB. None of these inter-agency coordination mechanisms (ICMs) are custodian agencies; however, several are "partner agencies" assigned to work with custodian agencies on selected indicators, such as UN Energy (5), Global Migration Group (1), and UN Water (4).

## IV. Custodian agencies outside the United Nations system

24. There are many entities outside of the UN System that also contribute to the implementation of Agenda 2030. Several of these organizations serve as custodian agencies for the SDG indicators.

### A. Member countries and coalitions

25. The initial framework of global SDG indicators endorsed by the General Assembly in 2017 identified all National Statistical Offices as custodian agencies for indicator 1.2.1. In addition, the framework identified Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) as custodian agencies for 13.b.1.

### B. Conventions

26. Secretariats for several international treaties administered by the UN, Specialized Agencies, or other entities have also been identified as custodian agencies.

- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (2 SDG indicators);
- Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species (CITIES) (2 SDG indicators);
- Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (1 SDG indicator);
- Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar) (2 SDG indicators);
- SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway (1 SDG indicator).

### C. Other intergovernmental and international agencies

27. Several international agencies outside of the UN system are custodian agencies for SDG indicators. These agencies vary in country membership, ordinance, budgetary sources, and focus:

- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (16 SDG indicators);
- Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) (3 SDG indicators);
- International Energy Agency (IEA) (3 SDG indicators);
- Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (1 SDG indicator);
- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) (2 SDG indicators);

- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (2 SDG indicators).

## V. Conclusion

28. The document provides an overview of the system of custodian agencies for SDG indicators and their governance structures. Thirty-six custodian agencies belong to the UN system and fourteen are outside. The UN system is complex, with distinct budgetary and governance structures for different components of the system. Within the UN system, custodian agencies can be found in the Secretariat (13); Specialized Agencies (10); Other Funds, Programmes, and Related Organizations (6); and Other Entities (7). Custodian agencies that are outside the UN system include member countries and coalitions (3); conventions (5); and other intergovernmental and international agencies (6).

29. The document represents a first attempt to illustrate the complexity of coordinating work on producing global statistics for SDG indicators, data flows from countries to custodian agencies, and, ultimately, to the global database hosted by UNSD. These statistics are used for the global progress reports on the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. Understanding the nature of the data flows is important to ensure the robust, transparent and efficient provision of globally harmonized SDG statistics. The document describes the considerable number of custodian agencies engaged in this effort, and the diversity in their governance structures and in the volume of indicators assigned to each agency.

30. Understanding the data flows and the coordination needed to support them will require continuous review as indicators mature and the role of custodian agencies evolves.

31. The aim of the document is to inform the work of CES and its Steering Group on Statistics for SDGs, which supports the CES members in their work in this area.

32. The Conference is invited to take note of the present analysis and express views and recommendations on possible work that could clarify further the complexity in coordinating the production of statistics for SDGs.

## VI. References

ST/SGB/2015/3. United Nations Secretariat. Secretary-General's bulletin. Organization of the Secretariat of the United Nations. 15-13032 (E).

2016 Chief Executives Board Secretariat. United Nations System. Chief Executives Board for Coordination. http://www.unsceb.org/directory.

2017. United Nations. The United Nations System. Published by the United Nations Department of Public Information DPI/2470-17-00023-March 2017. See https://www.ungm.org/Shared/KnowledgeCenter/Pages/VBS_UNSystem

UNSD Global Indicator Framework A.RES.1.313 Annex.xls.

"UN Structure and Organization" at http://www.un.org/en/aboutun/structure/index.shtml.
"UN Documentation: Researching UN Mandates" at
http://research.un.org/en/docs/mandates

## Annex I

### List of United Nations agencies and custodian agencies by number of Sustainable Development Goals indicators

| | Acronym | Entity | UN/non-UN | Number of SDG indicators |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | Orphan Indicators | NA | 5 |
| 2 | CBD | Convention on Biological Diversity | UN | 2 |
| 3 | UNCCD | Convention to Combat Desertification | UN | 1 |
| 4 | DESA-FFDO | Department of Economic and Social Affairs-Financing for Development Office | UN | 2 |
| 5 | DESA-PopDiv | Department of Economic and Social Affairs-Population Division | UN | 3 |
| 6 | DESA-UNSD | Department of Economic and Social Affairs-Statistics Division | UN | 10 |
| 7 | DFS | Department of Field Support | UN | 0 |
| 8 | DGACM | Department for General Assembly and Conference Management | UN | 0 |
| 9 | DM | Department of Management | UN | 0 |
| 10 | DPA | Department of Political Affairs | UN | 0 |
| 11 | DPI | Department of Public Information | UN | 0 |
| 12 | DPKO | Department of Peacekeeping Operations | UN | 0 |
| 13 | DSS | Department of Safety and Security | UN | 0 |
| 14 | EOSG | Executive Office of the Secretary General | UN | 0 |
| 15 | OCHA | Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs | UN | 0 |
| 16 | OIOS | Office of Internal Oversight Service | UN | 0 |
| 17 | OSAA | Office of the Special Adviser on Africa | UN | 0 |
| 18 | PBSO | Peacebuilding Support Office | UN | 0 |
| 19 | SRSG/CAAC | Children and Armed Conflict | UN | 0 |
| 20 | SRSG/SVC | Sexual Violence in Conflict | UN | 0 |
| 21 | UN DOALOS | Office of Legal Affairs-Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea | UN | 1 |
| 22 | UNODA | Office for Disarmament Affairs | UN | 1 |
| 23 | UNOG | Office of Geneva | UN | 0 |
| 24 | UNOHRLLS | Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States | UN | 1 |
| 25 | UNON | Office of Nairobi | UN | 0 |
| 26 | UNOP | Office of Partnerships | UN | 0 |
| 27 | UNOV | Office of Vienna | UN | 0 |
| 28 | | Ethics Office | UN | 0 |
| 29 | | UN Ombudsman and Mediation Services | UN | 0 |
| 30 | | Office of Administration of Justice | UN | 0 |
| 31 | | UN Office on Sport for Development and Peace | UN | 0 |
| 32 | | UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction | UN | 0 |
| 33 | UN Habitat | UN Human Settlements Programme | UN | 11 |
| 34 | UN Women | UN Women | UN | 6 |
| 35 | UNCTAD | UN Conference on Trade and Development | UN | 8 |
| 36 | UNDP | UN Development Programme | UN | 5 |
| 37 | UNEP | UN Environmental Programme | UN | 27 |
| 38 | UNEP WCMC | UN Environmental Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Center | UN | 4 |

| | Acronym | Entity | UN/non-UN | Number of SDG indicators |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 39 | UNEP-CTCN | UN Environment Climate Technology Center and Network | UN | 1 |
| 40 | UNFPA | UN Population Fund | UN | 4 |
| 41 | UNHCR | Office of the United Nations High Commissions for Refugees | UN | 0 |
| 42 | UNICEF | UN Children's Fund | UN | 18 |
| 43 | UNODC | Office on Drugs and Crime | UN | 16 |
| 44 | UNOPS | UN Office for Project Services | UN | 0 |
| 45 | UNRWA | UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East | UN | 0 |
| 46 | WFP | World Food Programme | UN | 0 |
| 47 | CCSA | Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Committees | UN | 0 |
| 48 | ECSEA | Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs | UN | 0 |
| 49 | EMG | UN Environment Management Group | UN | 0 |
| 50 | FSN Forum | Global Food Security and Nutrition Forum | UN | 0 |
| 51 | GHP | Global Humanitarian Platform | UN | 0 |
| 52 | IAC | UN Inter-Agency Committee for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development | UN | 0 |
| 53 | IACG | Inter-Agency Consultative Group on SIDS | UN | 0 |
| 54 | IAESG | Interagency Standing Committee | UN | 0 |
| 55 | IANWGE | Interagency Network on Women and Gender Equality | UN | 0 |
| 56 | IANYD | Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development | UN | 0 |
| 57 | INCAF | International Network on Conflict and Fragility | UN | 0 |
| 58 | INEE | Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies | UN | 0 |
| 59 | IPCC | Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change | UN | 0 |
| 60 | NGES | UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service | UN | 0 |
| 61 | PEDRR | Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction | UN | 0 |
| 62 | UN ACTION | UN Action Network Against Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict | UN | 0 |
| 63 | UN Energy | UN Energy | UN | 0 |
| 64 | UN Water | UN Water | UN | 0 |
| 65 | UNGIWG | UN Geographic Information Working Group | UN | 0 |
| 66 | UNSCN | UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition | UN | 0 |
| 67 | UNSPN | UN Strategic Planning Network | UN | 0 |
| 68 | | UN System Network on Rural Development and Food Security | UN | 0 |
| 69 | | International Standing Committee Task Force on HIV in Humanitarian Situations | UN | 0 |
| 70 | | Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict | UN | 0 |
| 71 | | Task Force on Children and Armed Conflict | UN | 0 |
| 72 | | Interagency Expert Group on MDG Indicators | UN | 0 |
| 73 | | MDG Gap Task Force | UN | 0 |
| 74 | | Global Migration Group | UN | 0 |
| 75 | | UN Evaluation Group | UN | 0 |
| 76 | | Global Compact Inter-Agency Team | UN | 0 |
| 77 | | HLCP Working Group on Climate Change | UN | 0 |
| 78 | | Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues | UN | 0 |
| 79 | OHCHR | Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights | UN | 6 |
| 80 | ITC | International Trade Center | UN | 4 |
| 81 | UNAIDS | Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS | UN | 1 |
| 82 | UNFCCC | Framework Convention on Climate Change | UN | 4 |

| | Acronym | Entity | UN/non-UN | Number of SDG indicators |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 83 | UNGEGN | Group of Experts on Geographical Names | UN | 0 |
| 84 | UNISDR | UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction | UN | 11 |
| 85 | UNECA | UN Economic Commission for Africa | UN | 1 |
| 86 | UNECE | UN Economic Commission for Europe | UN | 2 |
| 87 | UNECLAC | UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean | UN | 1 |
| 88 | UNESCAP | UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific | UN | 1 |
| 89 | UNESCWA | UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia | UN | 1 |
| 90 | CTBTO | Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization | UN | 0 |
| 91 | IAEA | International Atomic Energy Agency | UN | 0 |
| 92 | IOM | International Organization for Migration | UN | 1 |
| 93 | OPCM | Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons | UN | 0 |
| 94 | WTO | World Trade Organization | UN | 4 |
| 95 | UNICRI | International Crime and Justice Research Institute | UN | 0 |
| 96 | UNIDIR | United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research | UN | 0 |
| 97 | UNITAR | United Nations Institute for Training and Research | UN | 0 |
| 98 | UNRISD | Research Institute for Social Development | UN | 0 |
| 99 | UNSSC | United Nations System Staff College | UN | 0 |
| 100 | UNU | United Nations University | UN | 0 |
| 101 | FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization | UN | 20 |
| 102 | ICAO | International Civil Aviation Organization | UN | 1 |
| 103 | IFAD | International Fund for Agricultural Development | UN | 0 |
| 104 | ILO | International Labor Organization | UN | 14 |
| 105 | IMF | International Monetary Fund | UN | 4 |
| 106 | IMO | International Maritime Organization | UN | 0 |
| 107 | ITU | International Telecommunication Union | UN | 5 |
| 108 | UNESCO IOC | UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization-Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission | UN | 2 |
| 109 | UNESCO UIS | UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization-Institute for Statistics | UN | 18 |
| 110 | UNIDO | UN Industrial Development Organization | UN | 6 |
| 111 | UNWTO | World Tourism Organization | UN | 4 |
| 112 | UPU | Universal Postal Union | UN | 0 |
| 113 | WB | World Bank Group | UN | 23 |
| 114 | WHO | World Health Organization | UN | 30 |
| 115 | WHO-FCTC | World Health Organization-Framework Convention on Tobacco Control | UN | 1 |
| 116 | WIPO | World Intellectual Property Organization | UN | 0 |
| 117 | WMO | World Meteorological Organization | UN | 0 |
| 118 | HLPF | High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development | UN | 0 |
| 119 | ICSC | International Civil Service Commission | UN | 0 |
| 120 | UNCDF | UN Capital Development Fund | UN | 4 |
| 121 | UNMAS | UN Mine Action Service | UN | 0 |
| 122 | | "Other Ocean Agencies" | | 1 |
| 124 | AOSIS | Alliance of Small Island States | Non-UN | 1 |
| 125 | CITIES | Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species | Non-UN | 2 |
| 126 | IEA | International Energy Agency | Non-UN | 3 |

| | Acronym | Entity | UN/non-UN | Number of SDG indicators |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 127 | IPU | Inter-Parliamentary Union | Non-UN | 1 |
| 128 | IRENA | International Renewable Energy Agency | Non-UN | 2 |
| 129 | IUCN | International Union for Conservation of Nature | Non-UN | 2 |
| 130 | NSO | National Statistical Offices | Non-UN | 1 |
| 131 | OECD | Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development | Non-UN | 16 |
| 132 | PARIS21 | Partnership for Statistics for Development in the 21st Century | Non-UN | 3 |
| 133 | Ramsar | Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat | Non-UN | 2 |
| 134 | SAMOA PATHWAY | SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action | Non-UN | 1 |
| 135 | SIDS | Small Island Developing States | Non-UN | 1 |

56

*6 less designation of custodian to multiple components within same agency*

**50** Custodian Agencies

## Annex II

### List of indicators by custodian agencies

| Indicator | Custodian agencies (CAs) | Number of CAs for the indicator |
|---|---|---|
| 1.1.1 | WB | 1 |
| 1.2.1 | WB | 1 |
| 1.2.2 | NSO | 1 |
| 1.3.1 | ILO | 1 |
| 1.4.1 | UN HABITAT | 1 |
| 1.4.2 | WB, UN Habitat | 2 |
| 1.5.1 | UNISDR | 1 |
| 1.5.2 | UNISDR | 1 |
| 1.5.3 | UNISDR | 1 |
| 1.5.4 | UNISDR | 1 |
| 1.a.1 | | 0 |
| 1.a.2 | | 0 |
| 1.a.3 | | 0 |
| 1.b.1 | | 0 |
| 2.1.1 | FAO | 1 |
| 2.1.2 | FAO | 1 |
| 2.2.1 | UNICEF, WHO | 2 |
| 2.2.2 | UNICEF, WHO | 2 |
| 2.3.1 | FAO | 1 |
| 2.3.2 | FAO, WB | 2 |
| 2.4.1 | FAO, UNEP | 2 |
| 2.5.1 | FAO | 1 |
| 2.5.2 | FAO | 1 |
| 2.a.1 | FAO | 1 |
| 2.a.2 | OECD | 1 |
| 2.b.1 | UNWTO | 1 |
| 2.c.1 | FAO | 1 |
| 3.1.1 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.1.2 | UNICEF | 1 |
| 3.2.1 | UNICEF | 1 |
| 3.2.2 | UNICEF | 1 |
| 3.3.1 | UNAIDS | 1 |
| 3.3.2 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.3.3 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.3.4 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.3.5 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.4.1 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.4.2 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.5.1 | WHO, UNODC | 2 |
| 3.5.2 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.6.1 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.7.1 | DESA/POPDIV | 1 |

| Indicator | Custodian agencies (CAs) | Number of CAs for the indicator |
|---|---|---|
| 3.7.2 | DESA/POPDIV | 1 |
| 3.8.1 | WHO, UNICEF | 2 |
| 3.8.2 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.9.1 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.9.2 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.9.3 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.a.1 | WHO, WHO-ECTC | 2 |
| 3.b.1 | WHO, UNICEF | 2 |
| 3.b.2 | OECD | 1 |
| 3.b.3 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.c.1 | WHO | 1 |
| 3.d.1 | WHO | 1 |
| 4.1.1 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 4.2.1 | UNICEF | 1 |
| 4.2.2 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 4.3.1 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 4.4.1 | UNESCO-UIS, ITU | 2 |
| 4.5.1 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 4.6.1 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 4.7.1 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 4.a.1 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 4.b.1 | OECD | 1 |
| 4.c.1 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 5.1.1 | UN Women, WB, OECD | 3 |
| 5.2.1 | UNICEF, UN Women, UNFPA, WHO, UNODC | 5 |
| 5.2.2 | UNICEF, UN Women, UNFPA, WHO, UNODC | 5 |
| 5.3.1 | UNICEF | 1 |
| 5.3.2 | UNICEF | 1 |
| 5.4.1 | UNSD, UN Women | 2 |
| 5.5.1 | IPU, UN Women | 2 |
| 5.5.2 | ILO | 1 |
| 5.6.1 | UNFPA | 1 |
| 5.6.2 | UNFPA | 1 |
| 5.a.1 (a) | FAO | 1 |
| 5.a.2 | FAO | 1 |
| 5.b.1 | ITU | 1 |
| 5.c.1 | UN Women, OECD | 2 |
| 6.1.1 | WHO, UNICEF | 2 |
| 6.2.1 | WHO, UNICEF | 2 |
| 6.3.1 | WHO, UN HABITAT, DESA/UNSD | 3 |
| 6.3.2 | UNEP | 1 |
| 6.4.1 | FAO | 1 |
| 6.4.2 | FAO | 1 |
| 6.5.1 | UNEP | 1 |
| 6.5.2 | UNESCO-UIS, UNECE | 2 |
| 6.6.1 | UNEP, RAMSAR | 2 |

| Indicator | Custodian agencies (CAs) | Number of CAs for the indicator |
|---|---|---|
| 6.a.1 | WHO, UNEP, OECD | 3 |
| 6.b.1 | WHO, UNEP, OECD | 3 |
| 7.1.1 | WB | 1 |
| 7.1.2 | WHO | 1 |
| 7.2.1 | DESA/UNSD, IEA, IRENA | 3 |
| 7.3.1 | DESA/UNSD, IEA | 2 |
| 7.a.1 | OECD, IRENA | 2 |
| 7.b.1 | IEA | 1 |
| 8.1.1 | DESA/UNSD | 1 |
| 8.2.1 | ILO | 1 |
| 8.3.1 | ILO | 1 |
| 8.4.1 | UNEP | 1 |
| 8.4.2 | UNEP | 1 |
| 8.5.1 | ILO | 1 |
| 8.5.2 | ILO | 1 |
| 8.6.1 | ILO | 1 |
| 8.7.1 | ILO, UNICEF | 2 |
| 8.8.1 | ILO | 1 |
| 8.8.2 | ILO | 1 |
| 8.9.1 | UNWTO | 1 |
| 8.9.2 | UNWTO | 1 |
| 8.10.1.a | IMF | 1 |
| 8.10.2 | WB | 1 |
| 8.a.1 | OECD | 1 |
| 8.b.1 | ILO | 1 |
| 9.1.1 | WB | 1 |
| 9.1.2 | ICAO, ITF-OECD | 2 |
| 9.2.1 | UNIDO | 1 |
| 9.2.2 | UNIDO | 1 |
| 9.3.1 | UNIDO | 1 |
| 9.3.2 | UNIDO, WB | 2 |
| 9.4.1 | UNIDO, IEA | 2 |
| 9.5.1 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 9.5.2 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 9.a.1 | OECD | 1 |
| 9.b.1 | UNIDO | 1 |
| 9.c.1 | ITU | 1 |
| 10.1.1 | WB | 1 |
| 10.2.1 | WB | 1 |
| 10.3.1 | OHCHR | 1 |
| 10.4.1 | ILO | 1 |
| 10.5.1 | IMF | 1 |
| 10.6.1 | DESA/FFDO | 1 |
| 10.7.1 | ILO, WB | 2 |
| 10.7.2 | DESA POP DIV, IOM | 2 |
| 10.a.1 | ITC UNCTAD, WTO | 3 |

| Indicator | Custodian agencies (CAs) | Number of CAs for the indicator |
|---|---|---|
| 10.b.1 | OECD | 1 |
| 10.c.1 | WB | 1 |
| 11.1.1 | UN HABITAT | 1 |
| 11.2.1 | UN HABITAT | 1 |
| 11.3.1 | UN HABITAT | 1 |
| 11.3.2 | UN HABITAT | 1 |
| 11.4.1 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 11.5.1 | UNISDR | 1 |
| 11.5.2 | UNISDR | 1 |
| 11.6.1 | UN HABITAT, DESA/UNSD | 2 |
| 11.6.2 | WHO | 1 |
| 11.7.1 | UN HABITAT | 1 |
| 11,7.2 | UNODC | 1 |
| 11.a.1 | UN HABITAT | 1 |
| 11.b.1 | UNISDR | 1 |
| 11.b.2 | UNISDR | 1 |
| 11.c.1 | UN HABITAT | 1 |
| 12.1.1 | UNEP | 1 |
| 12.2.1 | UNEP | 1 |
| 12.2.2 | UNEP | 1 |
| 12.3.1 | FAO, UNEP | 2 |
| 12.4.1 | UNEP | 1 |
| 12.4.2 | DESA/UNSD, UNEP | 2 |
| 12.5.1 | DESA/UNSD, UNEP | 2 |
| 12.6.1 | UNEP, UNCTAD | 2 |
| 12.7.1 | UNEP | 1 |
| 12.8.1 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 12.a.1 | | 0 |
| 12.b.1 | UNWTO | 1 |
| 12.c.1 | UNEP | 1 |
| 13.1.1 | UNISDR | 1 |
| 13.1.2 | UNISDR | 1 |
| 13.1.3 | UNISDR | 1 |
| 13.2.1 | UNFCCC | 1 |
| 13.3.1 | UNFCCC, UNESCO-UIS | 2 |
| 13.3.2 | UNFCCC, UNESCO-UIS | 2 |
| 13.a.1 | UNFCCC, OECD | 2 |
| 13.b.1 | OHRLLS, REGIONAL COMMISSIONS (5), AOSIS, SIDS, SAMOA PATHWAY | 9 |
| 14.1.1 | UNEP | 1 |
| 14.2.1 | UNEP | 1 |
| 14.3.1 | UNESCO-IOC | 1 |
| 14.4.1 | FAO | 1 |
| 14.5.1 | UNEP-WCMC, UNEP | 2 |
| 14.6.1 | FAO | 1 |
| 14.7.1 | FAO, UNEP-WCMC | 2 |

| Indicator | Custodian agencies (CAs) | Number of CAs for the indicator |
|---|---|---|
| 14.a.1 | UNESCO-IOC | 1 |
| 14.b.1 | FAO | 1 |
| 14.c.1 | UN DOALOS, FAO, UNEP, ILO, "OTHER UN OCEAN AGENCIES" | 5 |
| 15.1.1 | FAO | 1 |
| 15.1.2 | UNEP-WCMC, UNEP | 2 |
| 15.2.1 | FAO | 1 |
| 15.3.1 | UNCCD | 1 |
| 15.4.1 | UNEP-WCMC, UNEP | 2 |
| 15.4.2 | FAO | 1 |
| 15.5.1 | IUCN | 1 |
| 15.6.1 | CBD-SECRETARIAT | 1 |
| 15.7.1 | UNODC, CITIES | 2 |
| 15.8.1 | IUCN | 1 |
| 15.9.1 | CBD-SECRETARIAT, UNEP | 2 |
| 15.a.1 | OECD, UNEP, WB | 3 |
| 15.b.1 | OECD, UNEP, WB | 3 |
| 15.c.1 | UNODC, CITIES | 2 |
| 16.1.1 | UNODC, WHO | 2 |
| 16.1.2 | OHCHR | 1 |
| 16.1.3 | UNODC | 1 |
| 16.1.4 | UNODC | 1 |
| 16.2.1 | UNICEF | 1 |
| 16.2.2 | UNODC | 1 |
| 16.2.3 | UNICEF | 1 |
| 16.3.1 | UNODC | 1 |
| 16.3.2 | UNODC | 1 |
| 16.4.1 | UNODC, UNCTAD | 2 |
| 16.4.2 | UNODC, UNODA | 2 |
| 16.5.1 | UNODC | 1 |
| 16.5.2 | WB, UNODC | 2 |
| 16.6.1 | WB | 1 |
| 16.6.2 | UNDP | 1 |
| 16.7.1 | UNDP | 1 |
| 16.7.2 | UNDP | 1 |
| 16.8.1 | DESA/FFDO | 1 |
| 16.9.1 | DESA/UNSD, UNICEF | 2 |
| 16.10.1 | OHCHR | 1 |
| 16.10.2 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 16.a.1 | OHCHR | 1 |
| 16.b.1 | OHCHR | 1 |
| 17.1.1 | IMF | 1 |
| 17.1.2 | IMF | 1 |
| 17.2.1 | OECD | 1 |
| 17.3.1 | OECD, UNCTAD | 2 |
| 17.3.2 | WB | 1 |

| Indicator | Custodian agencies (CAs) | Number of CAs for the indicator |
|---|---|---|
| 17.4.1 | WB | 1 |
| 17.5.1 | UNCTAD | 1 |
| 17.6.1 | UNESCO-UIS | 1 |
| 17.6.2 | ITU | 1 |
| 17.7.1 | UNEP-CTCN | 1 |
| 17.8.1 | ITU | 1 |
| 17.9.1 | OECD | 1 |
| 17.10.1 | WTO, ITC, UNCTAD | 3 |
| 17.11.1 | WTO, ITC, UNCTAD | 3 |
| 17.12.1 | WTO, ITC, UNCTAD | 3 |
| 17.13.1 | WTO, ITC, UNCTAD | 1 |
| 17.14.1 | UNEP | 1 |
| 17.15.1 | OECD, UNDP | 2 |
| 17.16.1 | OECD, UNDP | 2 |
| 17.17.1 | WB | 1 |
| 17.18.1 | DESA/UNSD | 1 |
| 17.18.2 | PARIS21 | 1 |
| 17.18.3 | PARIS22 | 1 |
| 17.19.1 | PARIS23 | 1 |
| 17.19.2 | DESA/UNSD | 1 |

## Annex III

### Member organizations of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB)[1]

| Acronym | Entity |
|---|---|
| **FAO** | **Food and Agriculture Organization** |
| IAEA | International Atomic Energy Agency |
| **ICAO** | **International Civil Aviation Organization** |
| IFAD | International Fund for Agricultural Development |
| **ILO** | **International Labour Organization** |
| **IMF** | **International Monetary Fund** |
| IMO | International Maritime Organization |
| **IOM** | **International Organization for Migration** |
| **ITU** | **International Telecommunication Union** |
| **UN** | **United Nations** |
| **UN Women** | **UN Women** |
| **UNCTAD** | **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development** |
| **UNDP** | **United Nations Development Programme** |
| **UNEP** | **United Nations Environment Programme** |
| **UNESCO** | **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization** |
| **UNFPA** | **United Nations Population Fund** |
| **UN-Habitat** | **United Nations Human Settlements Programme** |
| UNHCR | Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |
| **UNICEF** | **United Nations Children's Fund** |
| **UNIDO** | **United Nations Industrial Development Organization** |
| **UNODC** | **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime** |
| UNOPS | United Nations Office for Project Services |
| UNRWA | United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East |
| **UNWTO** | **World Tourism Organization** |
| UPU | Universal Postal Union |
| **WBG** | **World Bank Group** |
| WFP | World Food Programme |
| **WHO** | **World Health Organization** |
| WIPO | World Intellectual Property Organization |
| WMO | World Meteorological Organization |
| **WTO** | **World Trade Organization** |

[1] CEB member organizations that are custodian agencies for SDG indicators appear in bold.